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SUBJ: RELATIONS BETWEEN TOGO AND PRC AND ARABS ON FRONT BURNER

1. AT PRC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION 1 OCTOBER, ATTENDED BY MORE TOGOLESE MINISTERS THAN COULD BE FOUND AT ANY OTHER SUCH AFFAIR IN LOME, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF JULY 14, FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE ANNOUNCED, ACCORDING TO TOGO-PRESSE OF 2 OCTOBER, "ARRIVAL, VERY SOON, OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINES AND IMPORTANT CHINESE DIPLOMATIC MISSION."

2. EDITORIAL IN TOGO-PRESSE 3 OCTOBER BY ASSISTANT EDITOR JEAN AYI, DRAWING HEAVILY ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE PRC HANDOUT, CALLS HUNLEDE'S ANNOUNCEMENT A SIGN THAT TOGO IS APPROACHING
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FUTURE BY CONSCIOUSLY SEEKING NEW METHODS AND IDEAS. CHINA,

HAVING DEMONSTRATED THAT STYLE OF RICH MUST CHANGE, IS POLARIZING ATTENTION OF WORLD, ESPECIALLY OF THIRD WORLD. THIS FASCINATION COMES FROM FACT THAT CHINA HAS OVERCOME ALL DIFFICULTIES AND HAS CREATED "NEXT CIVILIZATION," SO-CALLED BECAUSE HUMANITY CANNOT CONTINUE TO WASTE WORLD'S SCARCE RESOURCES ON WESTERN-TYPE CONSUMER SOCIETY. CHINA, WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH WESTERN DEMOCRACY, OR USING SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES, HAS SPARED ITS PEOPLE FROM FAMINE AND ASSURED THEM DECENT LIFE. IT HAS EVEN CONSTRUCTED H-BOMB BEFORE FRANCE.

3. MOREOVER, EDITORIAL CONTINUES, CHINA HAS REVOLUTIONIZED FOREIGN AID, EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF WHICH ARE:

INVARIABLE OBSERVATION OF EQUALITY AND RECIPROCAL BENEFIT;
STRICT RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY OF RECEIVING COUNTRIES;
LOW INTEREST OR NO INTEREST LOANS;
NOT MAKING RECIPIENTS DEPENDENT ON IT;
PROMPT RESULTS FOR MINIMUM INVESTMENT;
ITS BEST PRODUCTS AT WORLD MARKET PRICES;
FULL MASTERY OF TECHNIQUES BY RECEIVING COUNTRIES;
NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR CHINESE TECHNICIANS WHO LIVE UNDER SAME CONDITIONS AS EXPERTS OF RECEIVING COUNTRIES.

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT MAO AND EYADEMA HAVE IDENTICAL VIEWS CONCERNING VALUE OF HUMAN ELEMENT IN CONSTRUCTING RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. IF TOGOLESE WILL MOBILIZE BEHIND EYADEMA, THEN THEY CAN BE SURE OF FINAL VICTORY AT END OF GREAT LEAP FORWARD.

5. UNDER HEADLINE "ALL THE WORLD REGARDS EYADEMA AS HERE," TOGO-PRESSE 4 OCTOBER REPORTS CALL ON HIM BY WAFIK BADR, DELEGATE OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS, ACCOMPANIED BY EGYPTIAN CHARGE. ARTICLE REPORTS PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS DISCUSS COOPERATION PROJECTS BETWEEN TOGO AND MUSLIM WORLD, PARTICULARLY EGYPT AND LIBYA. BADR PROPOSED TO EYADEMA CONSTRUCTION OF ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTERS IN LOME AND SOKODE, EACH WITH MOSQUE, SCHOOL, LIBRARY AND HOSPITAL, WITH WORK TO BEGIN IN THREE MONTHS. BADR ALSO CHARGED BY SEC GEN AWEIDA OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL WITH STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN FIELD OF CONSTRUCTION.

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6. EVER SINCE SEPTEMBER 21 RUPTURE OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, TOGO-PRESSE HAS OVERFLOWED WITH MESSAGES FROM ARAB LEADERS PRAISING WISDOM OF EYADEMA, NOW DUBBED BY TOGO-PRESSE AS "FATHER OF NATION" AND CREDITED, THROUGH HIS BRILLIANT FOREIGN POLICY, WITH ADVANCING TOGO'S PRESTIGE AND INTERESTS THROUGHOUT WORLD.

7. COMMENT: ASIAN COMMUNISTS AND ARABS ARE HOTTEST THINGS IN

TOWN THESE DAYS - AT ANY RATE OFFICIALLY. CYNICAL TOGOLESE
POPULAR VIEW THAT IT IS ALL RESULT OF DIRECTLY RELATED FINAN-
CIAL OR AID PAYOFFS DOES NOT ALTER DISMAY OF MANY, AT LEAST IN
LOME, WHO HAVE LONG VIEWED ISRAEL AS FRIEND, ARABLS AS PRO-
COMMUNIST, AND COMMUNISTS AS OPPOSING ALL OF THEIR WESTERN, BUT
DEEPLY INGRAINED, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL VALUES.
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